Visit of j;iJlttii Delegation to Foreign Countries

27. *m&l* GOPALS1NH G. SOLAN-KI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of delegations sent abroad during the last three years year-wise and country-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each of such delegations,; and

(c) the broad results achieved by these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of he House.

Outcome of Prime Minister's Visit to the USA

28. SMT. CHANDRIKA ABHINAN-3AN JAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Prime Minister and lis team visited the USA recently;

(b) if so, the details of main aims nd objectives behind the visit and the letaila of issues discussed with the Pre-ident of USA and other US leader;

(c) the outcome of the discussion$_s$ held here alongwith the. details of the trade greementslMOUs signed with Govern^ tent of the USA vis-a-vis during his ie-;nt visit:

(d) what is the main features of the f^eements and trade treaty with the SA, and the terms of export and apart between the two countries; and

(e) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL FFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHUR-HD): (a) Yes, Sir from May 14-aO i94.

(b) and (c) The aim of Prime Minis-te; 3 visit to the US was to establish personal contact with President Clinton and to lay the basis for durable im provement in Indo-US relations and taking advantage of the new opportuni ties for expanded trade and investment created by India's economic reforms, President Clinton and PM discussed a wide range of global issues of common concern, including those relating, to na tional security, apart from bilateral relations. These discussions were ex tremely cordial, candid and useful.Pre sident Clinton's Adrninistraion and the US corporate world demonstrated sup-port and optisism about India's econo mic reforms and the new avenues this had opened up *to* intensify and broaden our bilateral cooperation, Concrete steps including exchange of several Cabinet-level visits, were identified. The two leaders agreed that India and the US would intensify their cooperaiton to achieve a global and non-discriminatory Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and a verifiable ban on the production of fis sile material for nuclear weapons. Sup port for non-proliferation and progressive reduction of weapons of mass destruc. tion, with the goal of their elimination, was identified as a priority area. PM took the opportunity to brief President Clinton on Indian concerns regarding cross-border support to terrorist in India and particularly in Jammu and Kashmir* President Clinton agreed that all out standing issues between India and Pa kistan must' be resolved through bila teral negotiations, as envisaged in the Simla Agreement. Two MOUs were signed during PM's visit, one on Coo* perative Measures to Increase Awareness and Support for Efforts to Combat pro duction. Distribution and Use of Illegal drugs; and MOU on Planning, Conser vation and Management of Natural Mid Cultural Heritage Sites. ,

(d) and (e) There is no bilateral trade treaty or agreement with USA'. Trade is conducted in hard currency and In the framework of GATT Two-way Indo-US bilateral trade In 1993 (calender